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SUBJECT: PLO REP MAKING ANTI-UNIFIL TOUR

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1. ABU AL-ADEEB, REPORTEDLY MEMBER OF FATAH CENTRAL
COMMITTEE AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE

PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
VISITED BAHRAIN MAY 22 AND MADE STRONG ANTI-UNIFIL STATEMENTS
TO PRESS AND PRESUMABLY TO GOB. ACCORDING PRESS
ACCOUNT, AL-ADEEB SAID GENERAL ERSKINE
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IS "INTERFERING IN MATTERS THAT DO NOT CONCERN HIM IN
SOUTHERN LEBANON," TO OVERSEE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL BUT NOT
TO INTERFERE WITH PLO "SOVEREIGNTY" IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.
PLO ROLE THERE GUARANTEED BY CAIRO TREATY WHICH UNIFIL
MANDATE CANNOT INVALIDATE. AL-ADEEB SAID HIS VISIT PART
OF TOUR TO GULF STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA PURPOSE OF WHICH
IS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR PLO'S VIEW OF "PROPER" UN ROLE IN

LEBANON.

2. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED UNIFIL BRIEFLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY 23, ALONG LINES REFTTEL, AND FONMIN EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH UNIFIL AND WITH SPEED WITH WHICH USG MOVED TO INSERT UNHVVVB LEBANESE MESS. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE FELT USG AND UNSC ACTION IN THIS REGARD HAD BEEN WISE AND NECESSARY STEP TO KEEP SITUATION THERE FROM COMPLETELY UPSETTING ALREADY TROUBLED PEACE PROCESS. HE WAS PLEASED THAT ISRAELIS HAVE ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL DATE AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT UNIFIL HAD TO BE ABLE AND WILLING TO USE FORCE IF SOUTHERN LEBANON EVER TO BE STABILIZED. FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT COMMENT ON HIS TALK PREVIOUS DAY WITH AL-ADEEB BUT WE DOUBT THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVE WAS GIVEN MORE THAN POLITE HEARING.
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